

REMARKS:

1) The present Preliminary Amendment merely removes unnecessary reference numbers from the claims and the abstract, and corrects errors in certain example numbers due to mis-numbering on page 13 of the specification (referring to the English translation text).

2) The corrections on page 13 are clearly supported by the original disclosure.

Regarding page 13, line 10, Tables 2 and 3 describe examples 4-13 each using Li or Ca in place of or in combination with Na as the processing solution.

Regarding page 13, line 14, as shown in Tables 2 and 3, the processing solution for example 10 does not include Li, while each of examples 6, 8 and 12-14 has the processing solution including Li and the decreased processing time.

Regarding page 13, line 16, example 15 is described on page 8, line 27 to page 9, line 4. In addition, Tables 2-4 show that only example 15 uses the surface plate with grooves (surface plate B), and Table 4 shows the processing time of 1 hour for example 15.

Regarding page 13, line 19, examples 16-18 are described on page 9, lines 5-8 and in Table 4. In addition, Tables 2-4 show that the processing time is changed corresponding to the change in processing temperature in examples 16-18, while the processing temperature is the same in examples 10-12.

Regarding page 13, line 23, examples 19-22 are described on page 9, lines 9-12 and in Table 4. In addition, Tables 2-4 show that an AlN crystal, an AlGaIn crystal, an InN crystal, and an InGaIn crystal are processed in examples 19-22.

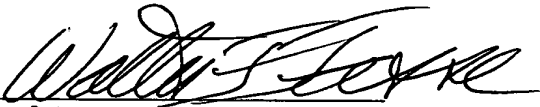
- 3) This merely editorial amendment does not introduce any new matter, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.
- 4) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 12, are respectfully requested.

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